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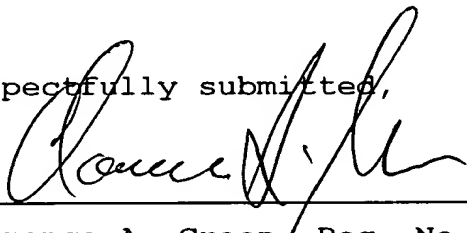
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99/03222, and FR 99/03224, all of which were filed on March 16, 1999. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of the PCT International Search Report issued on the corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/02747. The Search Report cited United States Patent Nos. US 5,345,527, US 5,781,682, US 3,963,920, PCT International Publication No. WO 96/09646, European Patent Application Nos. EP 0893861 A2, EP 0864893 A2, EP 0305112 A2, Patent Abstracts of Japan, document Nos. JP 58210647, and JP 07146423.

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